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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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How Jesus Used Others in Soul Winning

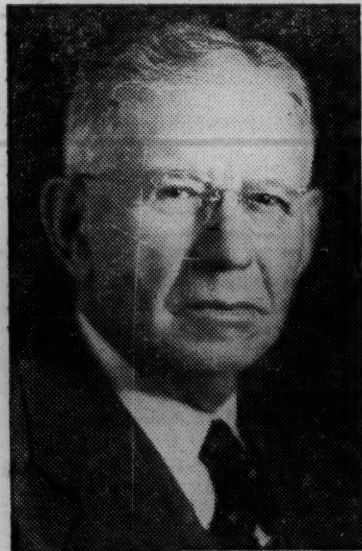
By the late Dr. L. R. Scarborough
Late President and Professor of Evangelism in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas

"... he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them. And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion."—Mark 2:1-12.

In Mark the second chapter Jesus has hung in God's hall of fame a most beautiful picture of soul winning. He had been busy around the shores of the Galilean Sea with the glorious tasks which filled His wonderful ministry. His headquarters were Capernaum. There was some hospitable home in the city by the sea which welcomed Him on His visits to Capernaum. We do not know whose home it was, neither the name, the number in the family, the comforts and apartments of the home, the furniture, the food. We only know that it made a glorious welcome for Jesus. It was noised abroad that He, the Messiah, was in this house.

A great crowd gathered. Four men, evidently His disciples, who knew His power and believed in His saving and healing strength, thought of their friend, a paralyzed man, who doubtless for months or years had been under the frightful power of paralysis. They wanted to see him healed and saved; and they went to his home, put him on a bed, took hold of the four corners of the couch, carried him through the streets to the home where Jesus was preaching. The crowd, curious and anxious, at the door was so great that they could not get their man in to Jesus. They carried him to

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MEMORIES IN HELL

By Evangelist Kenny Joseph
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"There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: The rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good

things: and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."—Luke 16:19-31.

Even in the light of this clear, explicit picture of the future life prepared for those who wilfully refuse their free passport to Heaven, many intelligent (?) people parrot: "I don't believe in a real literal, eternal, burning and blazing Hell, because if there is actually a Hell, what will happen

to the poor Mongolians or Tibetans, for instance? They've never had a chance to hear the Gospel or even to read a tract. Do you mean that the great God of love would consign them to Hell-fire forever?"

That's a very common excuse for not accepting salvation. But friend, your biggest worry as a sinner is not what will happen to the poor untold Tibetan. Your biggest worry is yourself. Where will your lost soul go for eternity? The Bible teaches that there may be degrees of punishment, different only in degree, NOT in kind. So if you repeatedly reject Christ, Hell will be much hotter for you than for the one who has never had a chance to hear. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Japan has 371 religious groups recognized by the government Ministry of Education. Each one tries to tell poor, perplexed, bewildered people how to stay out of Hell. But there is only one person who has ever clearly told us what Hell is really like. That is the Lord Jesus Christ, virgin-born Son of the living God.

Excursion Through Hell

In Luke 16 we draw back the black curtain of eternity and begin this terrible trip through Hell.

1. The Rich Man in Hell

Here Jesus is speaking not to "down-and-outers," but to the top pious religious leaders of His day. He tells them a true story (not a parable) about a rich man in Hell. This "dead" rich man had all the physical, mental, and spiritual faculties of a living person. At least seven different faculties are clearly set forth.

- (1). The rich man could SEE—"In hell he lifted up his eyes . . . and seeth Abraham afar off."
- (2). He could FEEL—"I am tormented in this flame."
- (3). He THIRSTED—" . . . dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue."
- (4). He could TALK—for he cried, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me."
- (5). He was able to PRAY—"I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house."
- (6). He was able to REASON—"Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from THE DEAD, THEY WILL REPENT."

- (7). And he had a MEMORY—"I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment."

Memory is stronger than death. Once while swimming in the ocean I was caught in a powerful undercurrent and swiftly sucked down under. In that seemingly last moment, I felt as though my whole lifetime raced before me. Things I

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Rev. Kenny Joseph

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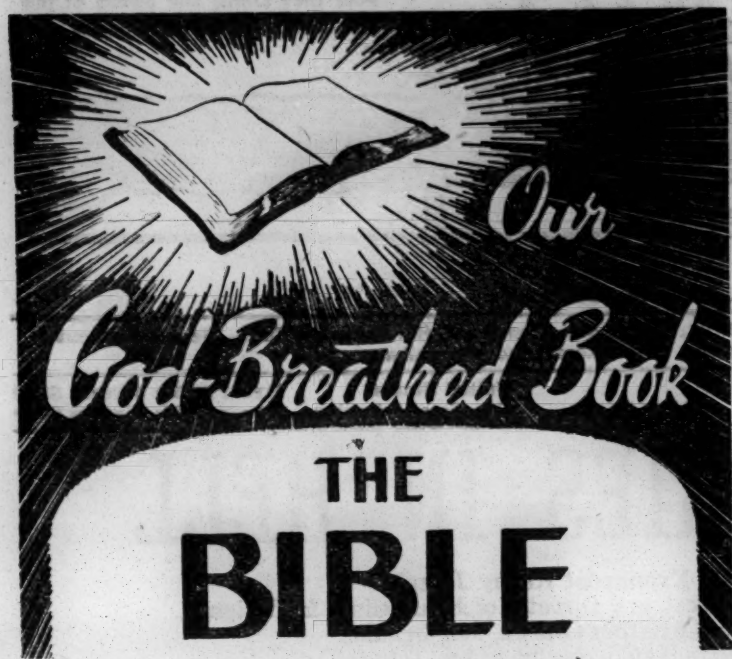
by John R. Rice

This morning, Tuesday, April 8, four beloved pastors came to my office to complete plans for Chicago area conferences on revival and soul winning, June 9 through 12. The Sword of the Lord, with the help of fundamental, Bible-believing pastors and churches, will conduct four simultaneous conferences on revival and soul winning, Monday through Thursday, June 9 through 12.

These conferences will be held four evenings at the following churches:

1. Belden Avenue Baptist Church, 2309 North Halsted Street, Chicago, Dr. Ray Hamilton, pastor.
2. The First Baptist Church, 154th Street and Lexington

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By Evangelist John R. Rice.

Last week we published four chapters showing that:

1. The Bible Claims for Itself Divine Inspiration;
2. The Bible Throughout Claims for Itself the Qualities and Characteristics of the Word of God;
3. God Gave the Very Words of the Bible;

Now let us study more about our God-Breathed Book, the Bible, the perfect, infallible, supernatural, wonderful Bible!

IV. The Human Element in the Bible

Of course God could have handed down the Bible from Heaven, already written, even printed in every language, had He chosen to do so. Instead, God in loving mercy allowed men to have part in the writing of the Bible. Their part, however, was to be simply the guided instruments in writing down exactly what God said to write.

The human element in the Bible varies. For example, there was no human element involved when God spoke aloud the Ten Commandments from Mount Sinai. We are told, "And God spake all these words saying. . ." (Exod. 20:1), and then follow the Ten Commandments. God wrote the same words on the tables of stone for we are told, "And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God" (Exod. 31:18). Then God wrote again the same words on a second pair of tables of stone; "And the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest" (Exod. 34:1). There could be no element of Moses' style, for example, in the words that were spoken aloud by God from Heaven, or those which God Himself wrote with His own fingers on the tables of stone.

Similarly, in Daniel 5:5 we are told how in the midst of Belshazzar's drunken feast with a thousand of his lords, "In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote" (Dan. 5:5). And we are told the very words which those fingers of a man's hand wrote. Those words came directly from God, and they do not represent Daniel's style or Daniel's thoughts.

And again we learn how God inspired Balaam's ass to speak: "And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and she

said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?" (Num. 22:28). Critics of the Bible make much of differences in style in various books. Well, what style did the donkey use in speaking divine revelation? Was it the kind of language, the vocabulary, which the donkey used regularly? Obviously the words were God's and the style was God's. There was no human color to the words God gave the donkey. It is true that the donkey may have thought the things expressed in her divinely given words. But the words were God's words entirely, and it was a miracle even that the donkey could speak.

In some cases God gave divine inspiration by a man who did not know that he was speaking divine revelation. Such a case was that of Caiaphas, the high priest, who in John 11:49-52 prophesied the substitutionary death of Christ for all the people, though he did not do it intentionally. There we read:

"And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad."

In this case the man did not prophesy willingly, or even knowingly. He meant one thing and God meant another. I say the human element varies greatly in the Scriptures.

Perhaps in the writings of the Apostle Paul there was sometimes the highest possible human participation in divine inspiration. In some cases Paul understood quite well (though never perfectly, we believe) the things which he was inspired to write. Paul makes it quite clear, however, that always it was God Himself who gave the manner and the words of Scripture. In Galatians 1:11, 12 he said, "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Even in the matters that seemed most personal, as if Paul himself might have planned the words, we can be sure that God Himself planned them before Paul did. For example, in II Timothy 4:13 Paul writes Timothy under divine inspiration, "The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments." Paul wanted the cloke that he had left because it was cold in prison at Rome, no doubt, and he wanted the books, especially the valuable parchments, to read and study. But you see, God had in mind that millions of people in many languages, for thousands of years, would read this, and that there would be a certain blessed understanding of the price of discipleship brought by this verse. Paul was thinking about his coat and his books. But God had him write it, thinking of the far larger meaning.

There are differences of style in the Greek manuscripts of the New Testament, we are told, and we may well believe it. And critics infer that each man wrote in his own style by his own choice. But that is wrong. In the first place, the Bible shows us that there is a drastic difference between Paul's inspired writings and his common style of speaking. In II Corinthians 10:10 we read, "For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible." Why this tremendous difference between Paul's inspired letters and his ordinary style? Surely the difference was largely in divine inspiration, and in his letters the words were God's words, the style was God's style. In his spoken speech Paul had ordinarily such illumination as other Spirit-filled preachers may have today, which is not the same as infallible inspiration. So it is only fair to assume that differences in style were of God's choice, not only man's choice.

I do not mean that the style may not have coincided with that of different men. Since the Bible does not say, we do not know, but very likely the Spirit, in giving the inspired message to be written down, might have used words with which the writer was familiar, in some cases. But even so we must remember that God had selected these men to write these parts of the Bible even before they were born, and He had prepared them in all the events preceding. It is only fair to say that the style was God's style as well as the writer's style. It may also have been the style of the chosen writers, but it was God who planned it so, God who gave the words.

It was Paul who wanted his cloke from Troas, but God doubtless not only put the desire for the cloke in his heart, but gave the words in which Paul made the request. So Luke could say about writing the Gospel, "It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first (better translation, 'from above'), to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus" (Luke 1:3). Luke had perfect understanding from above (the Greek word is "anōthen"), but God not only told Luke what to write, but made his heart happy at the thought. Luke fitted

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The Editor's Notes

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Street, Harvey, Illinois, Rev. Henry Murdock, pastor.

3. The Harrison Street Bible Church, 911 South Taylor, Oak Park, Illinois, Rev. John Blake, more, pastor.

4. The North Side-Gospel Center, 3859 North Central, Chicago, Dr. Lance Latham, pastor.

The speakers will be Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.; Rev. Jack Hyles, pastor of the famous Miller Road Baptist Church, Garland, Texas; Rev. Beauchamp Vick, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Detroit (the largest church in the world); and Editor John R. Rice. Speakers will rotate, each speaker speaking one night in each church on successive nights.

Daytime services will be held from 10:00 a. m. to 12:30, and from 1:30 to 2:30, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 10, 11, 12, in the Belden Avenue Baptist Church. Pastors and Christian workers from the whole area should plan to attend. Luncheon will be provided free for pastors and Christian workers attending the Belden Avenue Church day services.

We trust our friends will pray for a great moving of revival power to come to Chicago.

At the Biggest Church in the World Next Sunday

The Temple Baptist Church, Detroit, is often called the largest church in the world. It has some 14,000 members at last count. It is running close to 5,000 in actual attendance in the Sunday School (more than 4,800 two weeks before Easter).

It is our privilege to go and supply the pulpit next Sunday, April 13, in this great church. Dr. Beauchamp Vick, the pastor, will be present. He is an old friend, and we were there last October and again in the winter.

Dr. Vick and the Temple Baptist Church people are outspoken fundamentalists. They preach against sin, they believe all the Bible, they see no reason for compromising with modernism. And God blesses with great multitudes saved. Some 1,400 converts were received for baptism in one year, the last time I heard.

Some preachers go on trying to sell out and win favor with men. Some others go straight down the line, preaching the Gospel in the power of the Holy Ghost, opposing sin, opposing modernism, and winning multitudes of souls!

Get Ready for Lake Louise: Two Big Sword Conferences This Summer

Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia, the Winona Lake of the South, has been the site of Sword of the Lord conferences for ten years, and for ten years we have consistently had about the largest crowds ever to attend there. Last summer we had two tremendous conferences there, and two are planned this summer, one for the week including the 4th of July, another for the six days ending on Labor Day, September 1.

The first conference will be from Sunday, June 29, till noon on Sunday, July 6. Speakers will include Dr. Lee Roberson, pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, and president of Tennessee Temple Schools; Dr. Bill Dowell, pastor of High Street Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri; Evangelist Walt Handford; Rev. Harold B. Sightler of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina; and Editor John R. Rice. Music will be conducted by Dr. Elmer Piper of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The second conference will run from Wednesday morning, August 27, through Monday night, Labor Day, September 1. The speakers are Dr. Tom Malone, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pontiac, Michigan; Rev. Jack Hyles, pastor Miller Road Baptist Church; Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., founder of Bob Jones University; Rev. Harold B. Sightler; Evangelist Walt Handford; and this editor, Bill Harvey of Garland, Texas, will be the song leader.

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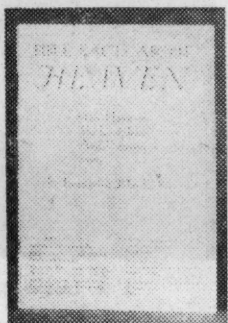
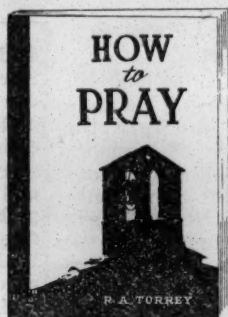
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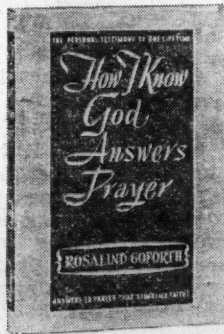
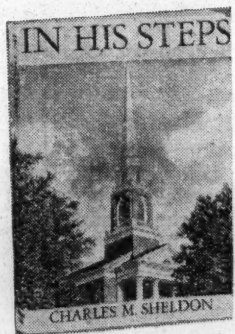
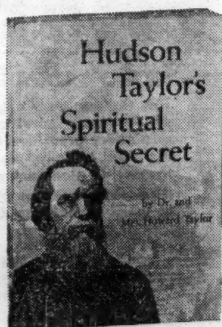
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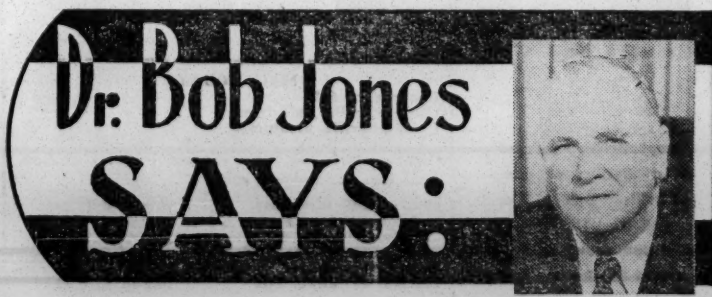
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Christians too Quiet

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I was just thinking, we who are against the liquor business are entirely too quiet about our well founded objections to alcoholic beverages. We should tell our side of the question at every opportunity. Tell it in the schools, tell it in Sunday Schools and churches, tell it in our clubs, tell it in the newspapers and magazines, tell it in the courts—there is a place where we could, if brave enough, bring suit for injunctions against the sale of liquor, for our laws state that licenses may be refused whenever it would be against the

public welfare or morals to grant them—and where is there a liquor selling place that does not prove to be against public welfare and morals?

PTA Leader Hits 'Evils' of Alcohol

ORLANDO, Fla.—Delegates to the Florida Congress of Parents and Teachers were told they must "reach a stage of maturity that recognizes alcohol as an evil" in order to help the nation's youth.

The anti-alcoholic attitude is recommended in a speech made at the opening session of the congress

by Mrs. Ralph Hobbs, Cataula, Ga., vice president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

"It is our responsibility to teach about this evil and what it is doing to our society," Mrs. Hobbs declares, adding, "Many American homes today need more of character and less of chrome. We must teach a sense of right and wrong. This we do by example rather than precept."

Alcohol and Accidents Go Hand in Hand

CHICAGO — According to the National Safety Council, more than a fourth of the drivers or adult pedestrians killed in traffic had been drinking. It said a study found that 26 of every 100 drivers and 25 of every 100 pedestrians involved in fatal accidents had been under the influence of alcohol.

WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS
By the Editor

(NOTE: We are happy to publish honest reports of blessed revivals from trustworthy evangelists and churches. However, if you send us your report for publication, PLEASE give exact statistics, as far as possible, concerning conversions, rededications, additions, etc., or we may not print it. We especially appreciate reports from pastors and chairmen of union campaigns.)

EVANGELIST EDDIE WAGNER has moved from Little Rock, Arkansas, to 513 North Fullerton Road, La Habra, California, and he will be available for meetings on the West Coast. He is a strong Bible preacher, sound in the faith, and has been greatly blessed of God in soul winning. He was once on the staff of the Sword of the Lord.

Friends will note Brother Wagner's new address.

Every Baptist pastor in the Mobile Association was present at least once during the course of a two weeks revival (February 2-16) led by **DR. HYMAN APPELMAN** in the Toulminville Baptist Church where Dr. Ira Peak is pastor. According to the report, 200 first-time professions of faith were recorded. Twenty-five young people volunteered their lives for special service.

A 100-voice choir, the largest ever assembled in the church, was ably conducted by Johnny Bisagno.

Dr. Appelman preached in a revival at the Taliaferro Baptist Church of Savannah, Ga., from

February 17 - March 2. He reports 268 first-time professions of faith.

Dr. Carswell Milligan, pastor, writes, "This is one of the finest revival meetings ever held in the Taliaferro Baptist Church. I think the preaching is the best I have ever heard from any evangelist—I know it is. The people of Taliaferro Baptist Church and of Savannah have been greatly blessed by the coming of Dr. Appelman. We praise God for this great man who preaches the Word just as it is for men just as they are. Dr. Appelman did not soothe the people with his preaching. He simply preached the Gospel and magnified the CROSS to the fullest extent in every meeting."

On Monday, March 17, Dr. Hyman Appelman preached at an Evangelistic Rally in historic Tremont Temple, Boston, Massachusetts, in preparation for the New England Appelman Campaigns which will be conducted in 8 areas of the New England States from March 31 through July 6.



J. W. Lasater, Th.D.
Box 548
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EVANGELIST J. W. LASATER has now gone into full-time revival work, having resigned his work as pastor of the Valleyview Baptist Church in Longview, Texas.

After twelve years of successful soul winning in the pastorate, and holding many revival campaigns as a pastor-evangelist, Brother Lasater has now given himself to the work full time, under God's leading.

Pastor James C. Cameron of Wake Village Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas, has had Brother Lasater in revival campaigns in three pastorates and says: "Brother J. W. Lasater is a sound, down-to-earth evangelist with a warm pastor's heart. He uses a practical and scriptural approach to revival. He is usable of the Lord. He is a man of prayer who depends upon God for power to serve."

"With any co-operation from pastor and people, he will warm the hearts of the congregation, strengthen the position of the pastor, and lead many lost souls to Christ. I know this by experience, having had the privilege of using Brother Lasater's ministry in my past three pastorates."

Pastor Henry G. Odle of Life Line Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, writes with highest praise of Brother Lasater. He says: "It was my privilege to work with Brother Lasater in a recent revival. Our church experienced through this man's prayers and preaching a spiritual transformation. Many souls were saved, Christians' lives were separated from the world unto Christ, and an all time attendance for Sunday School was set."

Evangelist Charlie Jackson, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, writes of the remarkable soul-winning record of Brother Lasater in the pastorate. Dr. J. Oscar Wells, Sword of the Lord evangelist, tells of Brother Lasater's loyalty to Christ and the Bible and to the fundamentals of the faith. This fervent preacher, this earnest man of prayer, this proven soul winner is available for meetings. Remember his address, Evangelist J. W. Lasater, Box 548, Longview, Texas.

Book Review

I WAS A SLAVE IN RUSSIA, a book by John H. Noble. John Noble, taken prisoner in Dresden, Germany, in 1945, served as a slave in the mines north of the Arctic Circle in Russia, until 1955. This is a stirring story of the treachery of Communism, intolerable conditions in Russia, the great slave rebellion, and final freedom. It is not a religious book, but is important and vital reading for Americans. Clothbound, 183 pages, price \$3.75 at your bookstore.

INCIDENTS and Illustrations

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
Contributing Editor



Minister "No Longer a Christian"

Rev. Ralph W. Stutzman, successor to Dr. A. Powell Davies as minister at the All Souls Unitarian Church in Washington, D. C., informed his congregation a few weeks ago that he no longer claims to be a Christian. He gave as his reason confusion with the teachings of Jesus and his inability to accept the "irrational" or pure-faith acceptance of a Christ. A former Evangelical United Brethren minister, he declared that the Unitarians must face the fact "we have come out of a Christian heritage," with an emphasis on "out." He went on to say, "The main rejection for me comes in that Christianity says something about Jesus and puts a Christ title on it. It sees man as sinful and claims he cannot get out of sin by his own power. He needs an outside savior. For me the rut of sin is not so deep and he does not need an outside savior." He commented also on the fact that the American Unitarian Association had changed the name last spring of their denominational weekly from the "Christian Register" to the "Unitarian Register." Mr. Stutzman earned his degree at the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology.

Would to God that all infidels on the inside of the church might admit with equal frankness and honesty that they are not Christians (and never have been) instead of trying to deceive and earn their livelihood through fraud and misrepresentation. Yet Mr. Stutzman's honesty will not in any wise help him to escape the anathema of God pronounced upon those who preach another gospel. See Galatians 1:8, 9.

Things That Matter

Mrs. Richard Buckler stood outside her burning home, fighting policemen who struggled to prevent her re-entering the flaming building, screaming, "Save my baby! Save my baby!" Even though her husband insisted, "We don't have a baby," the heroic fireman rushed into the fiery house for what proved to be a futile rescue attempt—they came out again bearing a dead parakeet! Police charged the Bucklers with disorderly conduct.

How many today, like this poor lady, have a perverted sense of values. David charged Saul: "After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea" (I Sam. 24:14). Let's stop chasing dead dogs and endeavoring to catch fleas. There is more important work to be done for the Master. Paul admonishes us in II Corinthians 4:18: "While we look not at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." Altogether too much of our time, strength, and energy is concentrated on the "things which are seen" and too little on the "things which are . . . eternal."

Justice and Justification

Out near Falls City, Nebraska, a local truck driver passed a bus going up hill and narrowly missed a head-on collision with another automobile. The driver of the car, Dr. Alfred Stappenbeck of Humboldt, after trying futilely to get the trucker to admit he had violated a traffic law, filed a complaint against him. The case came up in court with the trucker still denying any guilt. However, the Justice of the Peace found the driver guilty and fined him \$20. That was when Dr. Stappenbeck stepped forward and paid the \$20 fine, explaining he just wanted to prove the trucker wrong but didn't want to penalize him financially. The guilty trucker then went free, just as if he'd never broken a law or had been condemned.

In a far greater way, you and I have violated the laws of a holy

God. We stand guilty before His heavenly courts of justice. But the very One who has found us guilty, the Lord Jesus Christ, came all the way from Heaven's glory to Calvary's condemnation and wrath in order to take our guilt upon Himself and pay our fine. Now all who will put their faith and trust in Him, that is, accept the payment He made in their behalf, go absolutely free. Romans 3:23-26 explains it: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God: To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."

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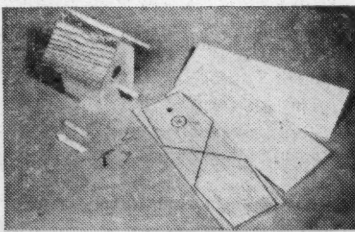
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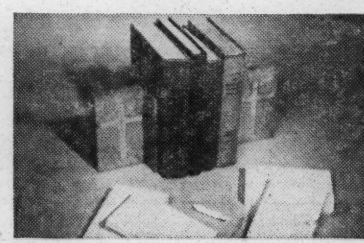
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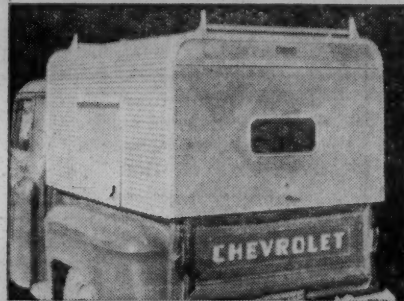
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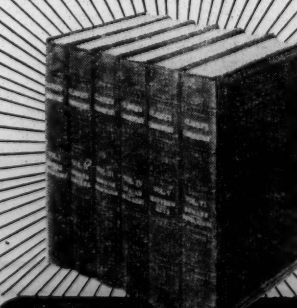
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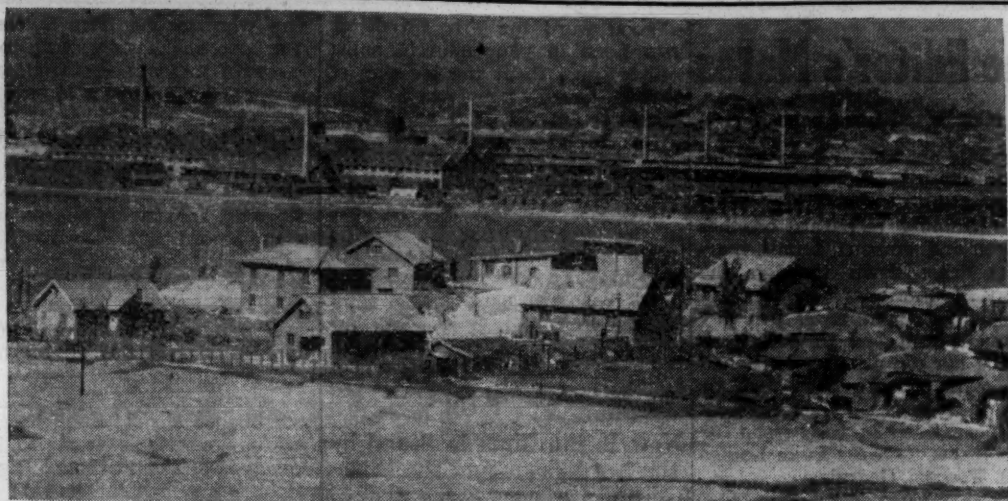
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Full Salvation

Henry Moorhouse, during his first visit to America in evangelistic work, was the guest of a cultured and wealthy gentleman who had a daughter just coming into womanhood and looking forward with bright anticipation to a gay and worldly life. One day she entered the library and found the evangelist reading his Bible. Begging his pardon for the intrusion, she was about to retire, when he looked up and, calling her by name, said in his quiet and kindly way, "Are you saved?"

She could only reply, "No, Mr. Moorhouse, I am not."

Then came another question, "Would you like to be saved?"

She thought for a moment of all that is meant by salvation, and of all that is meant by the lack of salvation, and she frankly answered, "Yes, I wish I were a sincere Christian."

Then came the tender appeal, "Would you like to be saved now?"

Under this searching question her head dropped, and she began to look into her heart. On the one hand her youth, her brilliant prospects, her father's wealth and position in society, made the world attractive. On the other hand

stood Christ. She replied, "Yes, I want to be saved now."

The supreme moment in her life was reached. Mr. Moorhouse asked her to kneel beside him and to read aloud the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. This she did in a tone that became tremulous and broken by sobs. "Read it again," said Mr. Moorhouse gently, "and where you find 'we,' 'our,' and 'us,' put in 'I,' 'my,' and 'me.'"

The weeping girl read it again.

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and I hid as it were my face from him; he was despised, and I esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne my griefs, and carried my sorrows; yet I did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted."

Here she broke down completely as she thought for the first time of her personal relation to the Lord Jesus in His sufferings. But, wiping away her blinding tears, she read on, "He was wounded for my transgressions, he was bruised for my iniquities: the chastisement of my peace was upon him; and with his stripes I am healed. I

like a sheep have gone astray; I have turned to my own way; and the Lord hath laid on him all my iniquities."

She was silent for a moment, and then exclaimed with deep emotion, "Oh, Mr. Moorhouse, is this true?"

"Dear child," he answered, "does not God say it?"

Again she was silent for a time, but at length looking up, no longer through the tears of sorrow, but in joy and adoring gratitude and inexpressible love, she said, "Then I am saved, for all my iniquities have been laid upon Him, and no stroke remains for me." She arose from her knees with the peace of God filling her heart and soul.

Many years have passed since that day, and that young woman, whose conversion to Christ came so suddenly, has lived a life peculiarly blessed of God and full of profit and blessing to every one she has known.

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"His lamp am I, to shine where He shall say,
And lamps are not for sunny rooms,
Nor for the light of day.

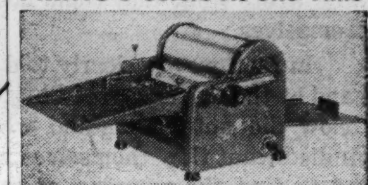
And as sometimes a flame we find,
Clear, shining through the night,
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Inchon, Korea.—Like "good news from a far country" was word received at TEAM's radio station HLKX here, which indicates beyond any doubt that on this, the newest among missionary broadcasting stations, the message of the Gospel is getting through!

Station Director Tom Watson, Jr., who sold his own commercial radio station in South Florida and joined The Evangelical Alliance Mission to serve the Lord in the Orient, has announced that HLKX has recently received a letter from a Russian man in a Siberian city located in the middle of the Soviet Union, some 2,000 miles from Inchon, reporting, "Every day we are listening to the Gospel broadcasting from HLKX... pray for us... send gospel literature." The letter came in response to the station's nightly Gospel broadcasts in Russian, beamed into Asia with 20,000-watts power on the standard broadcast band. It reached Watson via a postoffice box in China and the Chicago office of the Slavic Gospel Association which furnishes workers for the Russian language ministry of HLKX.

TEAM's Korea station sends out Gospel programs in Mandarin Chinese, Mongolian, and Korean, in addition to the Russian broadcasts. It also airs more than 20 hours of programs each week in English, aimed at the 80,000 American soldiers stationed in Korea, including nationally-known broadcasts such as "Back to the Bible," "Old Fashioned Revival Hour," "Unshackled," "Dr. Bob Jones Says," and others.

Our God-Breathed Book

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in with God's plan instead of God fitting in with Luke's plan. The message was from God. The words were God's words. Otherwise the words could not be supernaturally perfect and eternal.

The simple fact is that men never perfectly understand the Bible now. Always there are more riches in this mine than any man has ever dug up, though multitudes have been made rich beyond computation from this holy treasure, the Bible. Always God has more for one who studies and prays and has the leading of the Spirit in the study of the Word. So it is proper for us to believe that the most highly enlightened man God ever used in writing the Scriptures did not perfectly know all that he wrote. When men wrote about scientific matters they wrote about facts which they did not fully understand. When men wrote prophecies of the future, they wrote what they could not possibly have comprehended themselves.

In fact, we are clearly told that those who wrote beforehand of the sufferings of Christ and of the glory that should follow did not understand what they wrote. Rather they studied what they themselves were inspired to write, searching to find the meaning of the Scriptures which God had given them to write down. First Peter 1:10-12 says:

"Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into."

You see, this passage clearly teaches that the contents of the Word of God are so infinitely beyond what men would have understood and would have written, that we can only say that men wrote God's truth with words which God Himself gave them. They may have partly understood. In some cases they did and in some cases they did not, but God was the active person in the Scriptures and not men. It was God who selected the person, selected the theme, selected the words. He may have selected words which fitted in the style to which these men were accustomed. I suppose that He did. The Bible does not say, and thus we have no right to make an issue of the matter, pro or con, since the Bible makes no such issue.

But it is clear that men did not write what they could copy down from records. Men did not write down nor put in writing so-called "oral traditions." Men did not write down things they learned from eyewitnesses. You understand, those who wrote might have been familiar with records or they might have known eyewitnesses, or they might have seen some of the things recorded. But when they wrote they did not write on the authority of eyewitnesses or human records or their own understanding. They wrote the matter which God gave them in the words which God Himself gave. So the Bible clearly teaches, and so a believing Christian is glad to believe.

The Bible is called the Word of God. Jesus also is called the Word of God (John 1:14, Rev. 19:13). There is a divinely intended similarity, almost identity, between Jesus, the Word made flesh, and the Bible, the Word written down in human language. Jesus is the God-man, both divine and human. He is not half God and half man. He is wholly God and wholly man. In Jesus, deity and man are perfectly combined. But that does not mean that His humanity limited His deity. The Lord Jesus Christ has all the perfection of deity, though He took on Himself the form of a servant and became obedient to death, even to death on the cross.

In some strange and wonderful way Mary had part in the incarnation of Christ. The angel told her that she should conceive through the Holy Spirit and that which should be born in her would be called the Son of the Highest, God in human form. Mary did not decide the matter, but she gladly consented to God's decision. Mary did not initiate the birth of Christ, but she consented. Mary did not use her power, her will in the matter. The marvelous, miraculous forming of the little one within her was not Mary's doing. It was God's doing, though He used Mary's body. Mary simply in faith joined her heart gladly into having the will of God done, but Mary was passive while God was active. Jesus the God-man was perfectly God though Mary had a part in His becoming a man.

So it is with the Word of God. God in mercy selected certain men, prepared them, and these holy men wrote the Bible as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. But human frailty no more enters into the writing of the Bible than human frailty entered into the incarnation of Jesus Christ. As Mary did not decide when nor how the body of the Lord Jesus would be formed within her, did not decide any of the

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2. The presence of Jesus is and will continue to be the drawing power of every church, every Sunday school, every young people's group, and all other groups worshipping God and seeking to win the lost. "It was noised that he was in the house." Whenever it gets out on our churches or other groups of worshippers that Jesus is in the midst, the multitudes are sure to come and acts of benevolence, of healing, of soul-winning and kingdom-building are sure to follow.

3. Picture in your mind, with your imagination, these two homes, the one which welcomed Jesus and the sick sinner and was willing to tear the roof off in order for the two to get together. Picture the Saviour preaching in this home, the sick man healed and the lost man saved; and contrast this home with the home of the paralyzed man. He certainly had a home because Jesus sent him to it after He healed him. He doubtless had a wife and children. Think of the long vigils, of the lonely, patient wife caring for her sick husband and her little children. He was unable to work. She must care for him at night and work for him in the day to provide food, clothes and other necessities for him and the children. Think of what a blessing Jesus brought in healing the bread-winner and saving the husband and father. Think of the joy this act of Jesus brought to this home.

When I was in Capernaum in 1923, standing on the tessellated floor of the synagogue of Capernaum my heart went out in loving gratitude to God for the blessing Jesus brought to the home of the paralyzed man. Age and destruction had blotted out all signs of other houses then in Capernaum, except the synagogue. But the records eternal have left the sign of the glory of Christ in His benevolent evangelism and healing power in the home where Jesus healed this sick sinner.

4. This paralyzed man is revelation's photograph of lost men everywhere. Paralysis to the body is a picture of sin's paralysis to the soul. Paralysis is incurable—was then and usually is today. I took my brother to all the doctors in reach. He was paralyzed; and every one of them, after the diagnosis, shook his head and said, "No cure." No doctor can cure paralysis except the great Physician; and there is no remedy for sin except the power of Jesus Christ. This paralyzed man was helpless and hopeless without Jesus; and so is every lost man, every unbeliever in the world.

5. The cure of Jesus both for the soul and for the body was instantaneous and immediate; and

they both came in response to faith. Jesus has power over the bodies of men to heal their diseases, and the souls of men to forgive their sins.

These Four Immortal Men

I want us to look at Christ's plan of personal cooperation in winning men to life eternal in the conduct of these four men. Let us itemize the case.

1. They evidently believed in and loved Christ. He was the central and compelling motive in their hearts; they believed in His power to heal and His power to save; and they put hands and feet to their faith.

2. They planned carefully and faithfully to bring this man to Jesus. The purpose was born in the heart of one of them, who evidently mentioned it to a second and the second to a third and the third to a fourth; and their plans were perfected that they should meet at a certain time, at a certain place, and lend their strength to the helpless man in order to carry him to Jesus.

3. They not only planned, but they pushed their plans. Many a plan dies in the purpose of the heart; but these plans were realized in the activity of their beings. They went for their man after they had planned and prayed for him.

4. They were willing to get under the man's burden and feel his weight and share his load, and this is one of the necessities of evangelism today. We must feel the weight of the sinful souls of men and have as a resultant a burning compassion for their salvation.

5. They had faith in Christ. His power to heal and to save. They were not carrying their man to an experiment. The Galilean shore and hills had rung with the praises of the power of Jesus Christ, and their faith in Him was implicit and confident. We can be as sure today of Christ's healing and saving power in every case of soul-sickness the wide world around; and our faith in His power to save is one of the moving motives to get Him to save.

6. These men faced, fought and won over and against all their difficulties and embarrassments. Nothing could hinder them nor halt them. The derision and ridicule of the crowd on the streets, the embarrassment of carrying a man on a bed in public, the crowds that blocked the door at the home where Jesus was preaching, the difficulty of carrying a sick man upstairs and tearing up the roof and letting him down through the hole in the roof, the excitement and embarrassment of such a sensational thing, none of these difficulties halted these men.

7. The wonderful statement when "Jesus saw their faith" gives a picture of the condition of evangelism, the personal faith of the soul winner in the power of Christ to heal the sick and save the lost. Thank God, Jesus did not say He saw their clothes, their pocket books, their scholarship, their social standing, their political power, their personalities; He said He saw their faith, and seeing their faith He moved His arm in power to heal and to save.

I have not a doubt but that my mother's and father's and sister's faith and the faith of dear Brother and Sister Blair—the pastor and his wife—had much to do with my salvation. The faith of the faithful preacher who was conducting the meeting, Rev. Will James, evidently had much to do in drawing and winning my soul to Christ. The consecrated school-teacher, Prof. Witt, who, when I asked him for an excuse to leave school and go to church, put his hand softly on mine as he consented for me to go and said, "Lee, I am praying for you." The faith of this fine group had much to do with my salvation. I was converted that day before I got to the church house.

When He saw their faith He said to me, the wandering, wild rowboy, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." Thank God for the co-operative faith of soul winners as a helpful agency in winning souls to Jesus!

8. What a pity that there are

two sad black spots in this wonderful photograph of evangelism! One was the crowds that blocked the door and kept the seeking sinner from getting to Jesus, and the other was the silent doubt of the scribes and Pharisees who sat within the crowd where Jesus preached. He said, "Why reason ye these things in your heart?" They doubted the power of Christ to save souls. The greatest difficulty in the way of evangelism is the doubts of God's people. The block of unfaith kept Jesus from doing mighty works in Nazareth and in a thousand places since.

9. Look at the method Jesus used. He first saved the soul of the seeking sinner. He regarded that the lost man's salvation was pre-eminent above the healing of his body. The interests of the soul are primal with Christ and should be with all His people. Hospitals, orphan's homes, rescue stations, and other benevolent institutions, social service, the proper housing and feeding and clothing of the poor, all laws governing child labor and such like are important indeed; but the salvation of the souls of the people is the first matter; and in whatever benevolent and social service we render, we must have regeneration as the foremost objective. We must heal and help the bodies of men, train and culture the minds of men, but our primary purpose and objective must be the salvation of the souls of men.

10. Here comes from this wonderful incident one of the greatest truths ever revealed and demonstrated to men and that is that Jesus, "The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins." Nothing is gladder news to a lost world. Nobody else has that power. Jesus has a monopoly on forgiveness, the power to save souls. Isn't it glorious that He has that power? He is the only person who ever traveled this earth who could stop and turn and beat back and defeat the power of sin in the souls of men. But He can. He is able and willing and ready to for-

give sins. He is God's messenger-bearer of a lost world's best truth, the power to save from sin. We should ring it around the world, from mountain to valley, from shore to shore, that Jesus, "The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins."

Young Charles Spurgeon, the embryo of probably the world's second greatest preacher, sat on an elevated seat in the back of a little Methodist chapel one snowy Sunday morning in London and the simple exhorting cobbler arose and said, "Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool"; and this double message of the truth burned its way into the soul of the penitent boy sinner. He was saved, Jesus forgave him of his sins, called him to preach, elevated him to one of the greatest pulpits in the world and for forty years and more made him God's mightiest evangel to win men to Christ. Thank God, through his preaching multiplied thousands have looked unto Jesus, had their scarlet sins cleansed and their souls made white as snow in the blood of the Lamb.

11. Next, I would have you look at the joy of the reaper. Look in the faces of these four men looking down through the hole in the roof. Their faith moved the arm of Jesus and the moved arm of Jesus healed and saved the penitent, sick sinner. They see him now rising, picking up his bed, going out of the crowded room. They come down from the roof; they meet him just outside the door. They clasp hands. They embrace him. They congratulate him. They rejoice with him. I imagine they went with him and took him back home and carried him to his wife and children and delivered him well and safe. Can you not imagine the happiness of that home and those four soul-winning personal workers?

There is no joy like it in all the

world. Would it not be glorious if in every church and Sunday school and young people's and women's and laymen's organization, in every seminary, in every college, hospital, orphan's home, rescue home, or mission station in all the world, there was such a combination of personal workers and spiritual soul winners as are here shown in this wonderful photograph of evangelism? Jesus said when He won the woman at the well, as He pushed back the food offered by the disciples, "I have meat to eat—ye know not of." This is the food of spiritual joy to winners of souls; and, thank God, there is plenty of it and it is accessible to all winners of men. There is more joy in the winning of one soul in one hour than can possibly come in all resorts of pleasure the world around.

Here is a great lesson in personal work, in spiritual combinations to win men, in the power of faith, in the beauty of a hospitable home welcoming Jesus and sinners, in the primacy of the soul's interest above our physical needs, in the power of Christ to save sinners, in the joys of soul winning, in the inexpressible peace and power of Christ's harvesters and reapers around the world. Jesus preached the Word unto them, the saved brought the lost and they all—Jesus, the saved and the newborn soul—rejoiced together in the triumph of sins forgiven; and may this picture be repeated in every community until Jesus comes. This is how Jesus used others in winning the lost.

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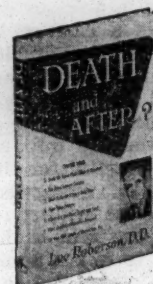
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The Editor's Notes

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With the discontinuing of our book publishing business and wholesale trade, our need for workers was cut down even more. Now the Sword of the Lord has gone from about seventy workers down to around forty good workers in Wheaton. The actual printing and mailing of THE SWORD is done by the Herald Book and Printing Company in Newton, Kansas.

We have been in two buildings, one at 214 West Wesley, and the other at 210 West Front Street, the Singspiration Building which we bought some years back.

Now with the business streamlined and with less employees in Wheaton, we are able to combine office workers again in the building at 214 West Wesley. The Sword Book Room will remain in the Singspiration Building. The rest of the building, God willing, will be rented and we hope will provide some income for the Sword Building Fund.

It will greatly simplify the management to have all the employees under one roof, with a unified supervision, and without the extra expense of telephones, lights, heat, and janitor work for the two buildings.

It is our hope, as God provides the means, to build an adequate Sword of the Lord office building on the property purchased from the Presbyterian Church, but which is now being used for church purposes.

—THE END—

"GARY" A CHRISTIAN AT COLLEGE

GOOD SPORTS

PHIL SAINT



Memories In Hell

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had done in the past came tumbling out on the screen of my fearful mind like a movie before me. Memory will be one of the most terrible things in Hell!

Now let's continue our journey through the halls of Hell, the driveway of the damned. If we could somehow arrange for every sinner to visit Hell for five minutes, our altars would be full of converts. If every Christian could get an actual peek into Hell, few sermons on soul winning would be needed.

2. Noah's Audience in Hell

On the sanctified wings of imagination, let's take our guide's hand

and travel on. We come upon a group of people, thousands, pounding on a wooden door, crying, "Let us in! Let us in!" We ask, "What in the world are they crying about?" For 119 years a man by the name of Noah worked on building an enormous ark, and as he built he preached. But the people mocked at the warnings to flee from the wrath to come into the ark of safety. Doctors psychoanalyzed him as suffering from "Delusions of Grandeur" and having a "persecuted-martyr complex."

Finally the ark was finished, Noah and his family and the animals and fowl entered in, then GOD shut the door. As the rain

began to fall, the people finally cried, "Noah, let us in! Let us in!" They prayed . . . but their prayer was too late. And down through eternity the same agonizing cry pierces the flames of Hell, for memory relentlessly haunts.

3. Pilate Forever Washing His Guilty Hands

Next, we come upon a princely man furiously washing and wringing his hands. Over and over he goes through the rubbing motions only, for there's no water. "I am free from the blood of this man!" he cries. "Who is he?" we ask. Pilate, the one who gave Jesus, the sinless Son of God, over to an angry mob to be crucified. He, too, can't evade his merciless memory.

4. Judas Remembering Thirty Pieces of Silver

Close to him is a man seemingly

trying to get money out of his hand. He claws and claws, all the while screaming, "I betrayed innocent blood!" Yes, this is the Judas who betrayed Christ for thirty pieces of silver . . . and for two thousand years now he has been trying to return those coins to the priests. But they don't come off—he's "stuck" with them for eternity. And in Hell he remembered.

5. Agrippa Remembers He Was Almost Persuaded

Still farther on is a tall, stately man in a most agonizing voice crying, "Almost thou persuadest me to become a Christian! Almost!" It's as though he missed coming to this dreadful place by so little. Our guide says, "This is King Agrippa who, when witnessed to by the Apostle Paul, said, 'Almost thou persuadest me to become a Christian.'" Then he could have decided for Heaven. Now it's too late. He has to live eternally with his bitter memory. The Japanese have two quaint sayings about this: "Teokure" (Your helping hand is too late) and "Ato no matsuri" (the day after the fair . . . only an empty memory.)

6. Herodias Remembers Beheaded John the Baptist

"Quit following me, take him away . . . that headless man!" cries a woman. But no one is molesting her. In fact, no one else pays any attention to her. All have

enough agony of their own. She is conscience-smitten down through the echoing ages of eternity because she, Herodias, had John the Baptist beheaded after he warned her and her "husband" of the wrath to follow for living in open sin. But headless John the Baptist is not following her; he is safely in Heaven with Jesus. It is her memory that has followed her—merciless, everlasting memory.

Our short, gruesome trip ended, we realize anew the literal, never-ending horrors of Hell. We remember, too, that God has given His Word in which Jesus Christ spoke more often of Hell than of Heaven.

Famous Last Words

We remember His warnings through deathbed scenes. (These are rough translations from Japanese; therefore not exact quotations):

- (1). Queen Elizabeth said as she faced eternity, "Every bit of my treasure in one second is lost as I face eternity."
- (2). Altamont of France moaned: "I see the righteous face of God. All that is before me is black hell."
- (3). "I can now feel the fires of Hell," cried Talleyrand of France.
- (4). The English atheist Hobbs groaned: "I can now see a horrible black hole and I feel like I'm falling in to it."
- (5). Atheist Voltaire, who de-

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"Sword Wit Sharpener"

The Paralytic Is Healed

Mark 2 & Luke 5

CLEWS ACROSS

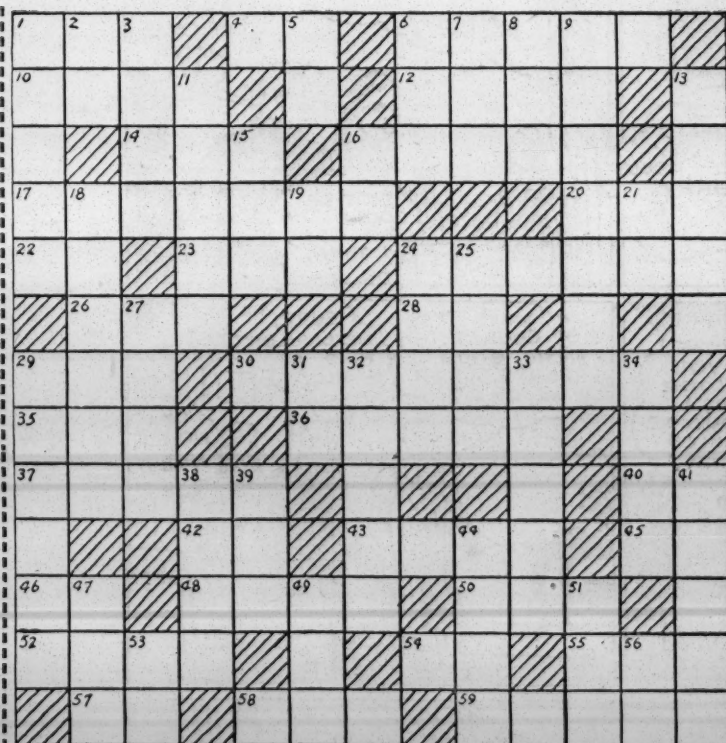
- 1 "Or to say, Arise, . . . walk" (Matt.)
- 4 "And took up that whereon . . . lay"
- 6 "And immediately he . . ."
- 10 "They uncovered the . . . where he was."
- 12 "And . . . forth before them all"
- 14 Rowing implement
- 16 "We . . . saw it on this fashion."
- 17 "There were certain of the . . . sitting there."
- 20 Help
- 22 Ex officio (abbr.)
- 23 Light brown
- 24 See 33 down.
- 26 Nehemiah (abbr.)
- 28 Evangelical Union (abbr.)
- 29 "Sitting there, . . . reasoning in their hearts"
- 30 and 58 across—"And . . . to . . . own house"
- 35 "Glorified God, which had given such power unto . . ." (Matt.)
- 36 "The Son of man hath power on . . . to forgive sins."
- 37 Maxim
- 40 Weather Bureau (abbr.)
- 42 Yellow Hawaiian bird
- 43 "Son, thy . . . be forgiven thee."
- 45 "There was . . . room to receive them."
- 46 Hebrew word for deity
- 48 "Who can forgive sins but God . . .?"
- 50 Institution of Electrical Engineers (abbr.)
- 52 Act
- 54 A king of Bashan (Josh.)
- 55 "Why doth this . . . thus speak blasphemies?"
- 57 "They brought . . . him a man sick." (Matt.)
- 58 See 30 across.
- 59 "Go thy way into thine . . ."

CLEWS DOWN

- 1 " . . . and take up thy bed."
- 2 Same as 45 across
- 3 "No, not so much as about the . . ."
- 5 Ancestor of Jesus
- 6 Reverence
- 7 Revelation (abbr.)
- 8 "Bringing . . . sick of the palsy"
- 9 "We have seen . . . things to day."
- 11 "When Jesus saw their . . . , he said"
- 13 "With his couch into the . . . before Jesus"
- 15 Royal (Society of) British Artists (abbr.)
- 16 Nova Scotia (abbr.)
- 18 Studied; committed to memory
- 19 Half an em
- 21 Inner Guard (abbr.)
- 24 Rend
- 25 Cause pain
- 27 Feminine name
- 29 "They were all . . . , and glorified God."
- 31 Electrical Engineer (abbr.)
- 32 "Wherein the sick of the . . . lay"
- 33 and 24 across—"Why reason ye . . . in your hearts?"
- 34 "They let . . . the bed."
- 38 "Son, be of . . . cheer." (Matt.)
- 39 Division of geological time
- 41 "Which was . . . of four"
- 44 "Could not come . . . unto him for the press"
- 47 "And . . . him down through the tiling"
- 49 Hawaiian wreath
- 51 Large Australian bird
- 53 Same as 22 across
- 56 "On a certain day, . . . he was teaching"

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By Theodore H. Epp



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JOHN WESLEY SAID: I am content with whatever entertainment I meet with. This must be the spirit with all who take journeys with me. If a dinner ill dressed, a hard bed, a poor room, a shower of rain, or a dirty road will put them out of humor, it lays a burden upon me greater than all the rest put together. By the grace of God I never fret; I repine at nothing; I am discontented with nothing. And to have persons at my ear fretting and murmuring at everything is like tearing the flesh off my bones.—*Oriental Missionary Standard*.

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Memories In Hell

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clared that within one hundred years there would be no Bibles on the earth, shouted: "I've now been completely separated from God and I'm falling into Hell. O Christ! Jesus Christ!" And in the very house in which he died, the Swiss Bible Society today prints millions of Bibles each year.

(6). Sir Thomas Scott bewailed: "Up till now I've read books proving there is no Hell. But now as I face eternity I certainly acknowledge that there is a Hell and I must meet a righteous God."

(7). Mirabeau said: "All my life I didn't spend a second thinking of eternity; but now before me it is black and foreboding."

Remember, these were not drunkards and harlots, but famous, well-off, and socially-high people.

You are still able to flee this terrible place, this "eternal madhouse," that God has prepared for the Devil and his angels. Eternity without Christ means Hell for the unsaved. But God still saves and meets those who trust in His Son.

A dear Christian Japanese, Mrs. Ogoshi, living in the mountains of Nagano Ken, one day called her husband, children, and missionary friends to her bed of illness, saying, "I wish you would look up there. Can't you see those bright angels? I can almost touch them. Reach up and feel them!" A big smile was on her face. And with that joy and certainty she died.

John Wesley said on his deathbed, "I can see Jesus and that's all I want; please let me go."

What will you say?

This summer a group of us from the Japan Christian College formed a Gospel team and spent a month in evangelistic meetings on an island named Hachijo, fourteen hours by boat from Tokyo. Two newspaper reporters were interested and came for an interview. The subject of Hell amused them. "What does Hell look like? How hot is it? What's the temperature? Can you prove it exists?" they said. I read Luke 16 to them. Immediately the reality of it struck them and one soberly said, "No one in our religions has clearly told us about Hell. They tell us to do this and that, but never tell us about the realities of Hell."

Here in Japan, New Year's (Oshogatsu) is the greatest yearly celebration. On that first day of the new year millions swarm the Imperial Palace to see the Emperor and Empress as they come out on a platform seven different times to wave to their people. Last year we missionaries and Japanese passed out 1/2 million copies of a special New Year's edition of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" by Dr. John R. Rice. After the work was all done, my wife Lila and I went in also to see the Emperor. As we stood in the midst of this immense throng, we asked each other, "Do we REALLY believe that these people are eternally lost and on their way to a burning and blazing Hell?" They are so kind, so polite. They are so earnest and sincere. But we must turn from our feelings to God's Word which plainly tells us that "except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" in the "lake which burneth with fire and brimstone" where the "fire is not quenched." There is no "Protestant purgatory." There is no second chance. Yet, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life."

When J. B. Priestly, famous British Novelist, wrote in his book, *Delight*, "I'm not much afraid of death because I'm not good enough for Heaven nor bad enough for Hell," he undoubtedly gave utterance to a kind of thinking which countless people of average decency would like to believe.

Protestant Purgatory?

Even though God's Word is so plain on this point, thousands of

modernist ministers have led millions of church members to believe in what a current periodical calls a "Protestant purgatory." For instance, "... In a recent issue of a popular denominational magazine a writer said we 'have to rediscover the moral equivalent of Hell.' His sense of justice recoiled at an equally cordial welcome in Heaven for infamous men like Hitler and Stalin and saints like Paul and Augustine. He would solve the problem by proposing a consideration of 'the redemptive and cleansing possibilities of Hell.' The fires of this temporary Hell are a 'burning shame' and 'searing regret,' a source of redemption, and, as such, a 'Protestant' purgatory.

"The horror of the Roman Catholic purgatory, however, should cause serious hesitancy in proposing as a moral equivalent of Hell, the suggested temporary purgatory, for the satisfying of a sense of justice. Roman Catholics have been robbed of peace, consolation, and hope, enjoyed by those

and pleaded that Lazarus be sent to warn them about the place of torment. But in truth, this was not love; it was a hellish artifice, placing responsibility for his incarceration upon God with the deceptive implication that he had not been sufficiently warned. Abraham informed him that his brothers had already had sufficient revelation concerning the life to come from Moses and the prophets. But Dives revealed an intransigent impenitence when he argued, 'Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.' Abraham's reply to him was that if they refused God's revelation given to them through Moses and the prophets, nothing would move them to repentance. The entire story of Dives demonstrates sharply the futility of expecting genuine repentance in Hell.

"The unconverted, impenitent sinner enters the next life in his unregenerate state. What, then, in this newly-invented purgatory would lead the sinner to godly repentance, if upon earth the goodness of God did not lead him to that act (Rom. 2:4)?

"... Luther delivered the church from the dogma of justifi-

on the side of the traditional belief is too great; there can be only one conclusion: the Bible teaches the doctrine of eternal retribution, and every calm, reasonable man will accept the doctrine; or if he rejects it, he will reject the Bible along with it. The man who will not believe in Hell must surrender his right to believe in Heaven.

To keep the whole Christian witness in balance we must teach what the Bible teaches about the future of the impenitent. But we should watch over our own hearts lest, unbeknown to us, we unconsciously welcome the idea of Hell as the revenge we take against those who do not believe as we do.

The idea of Hell found in the Scriptures is so fearful that the first impulse of a loving heart is to wish it were not so. But humanity is both a beautiful and a dangerous emotion. Unless it is subjected to the sharp critique of moral judgment it may, and often does, put our sympathies on the side of the murderer instead of on the side of the dead man and the widow and children he has left behind him.

In the same way uninformed and unreasoning sympathy tends to take sides with the fallen and rebellious race of men against the Most High God whose name is Holy. That He gave men life and intelligence, that He has been patient with them while they defied His laws, killed His only begotten Son and scorned His dying love, is overlooked completely. That men use their gift of free will to reject God, choose iniquity and with wide open eyes persistently work to prepare themselves for Hell, seems not to matter to some people. In a welter of uncontrollable emotion, they throw themselves on the side of God's enemies. This is unbelief masquerading as compassion.

The cry against the idea of moral retribution reveals several deep-lying misconceptions. These have to do with the holiness of God, the nature of man, the gravity of sin, and the awesome wonder of the love of God as expressed in redemption. Whoever understands these even imperfectly will take God's side forever, and whatever He may do they will cry with the voice out of the altar, "Even so, Lord God Almighty; true and righteous are thy judgments."

Moody said, "No man should preach on Hell until he can do it with tears in his eyes."

Yes, the true "Protestant purgatory" was endured by one man alone, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. He died not for His own sins but for yours and mine. "And upholding all things by the Word of his power, has effected man's purgation from sin and taken His seat at the right hand of the Majesty on High," says St. Paul in Hebrews 1:3 (Roman Catholic Confraternity edition of the New Testament). It was on the cross that Jesus suffered for our guilt and purged our sins once for all. The Roman Catholic Bible therefore proves that purgatory is forever past.

"... Of especial interest to us is the turning point in modernist Harry Emerson Fosdick's life. One of the early and pivotal events was his repudiation of the preaching of the coming wrath of God (Hell). Such preaching turned him from 'orthodoxy' permanently and accounts for his lifelong crusade against 'fundamentalism.'

(To reject the Bible doctrine of Hell means to reject the historic Christian faith and the Bible as the Word of God. Editor.)

The ultimate personal question to you is: Where will your precious, eternal soul spend eternity? In Heaven or Hell? Do you know beyond a shadow of a doubt, that you have been born again? If there's even a tiny doubt, a lack of assurance, a flat, empty feeling inside, I plead with you: Wake up... Look up to Christ hanging on the cross, literally a roadblock on your way to Hell. You must wilfully climb over that broken, bleeding body who is saying to you through tear-stained eyes, "Yes, there is a Hell. If it were not so, I would have told you. I died in your place, took your punishment, paid the awful price. Turn around, repent, confess your sins, believe in Me as your personal Saviour and Lord. Come with Me to Heaven." There it is: reach up with the hand of

faith and take free salvation from sin and the assurance of a home in Heaven. Repent of your sins, trust Christ as your Saviour today. Then you will never be frightened with memories in Hell.

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."—Rev. 20:10-15.

—THE END—

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who rest on the promises of Scripture. Roman Catholicism denies the infinitely meritorious sacrifice of Christ, and insists that the sinner make additional satisfaction for his sins. Only by enduring the painful, agonizing fires of purgatory can the half-pardoned sinner qualify himself for the favor of God. He must justify himself by fire, and to the torment which he endures is added the anguish of loved ones on earth who are driven to purchase candles and masses to buy his release. One shudders at the thought of what needless tortures the invention of a Protestant purgatory could bring.

"... The 'Protestant' invention of a place to purge souls denies the necessity of the vicarious Atonement of Christ. If a 'burning shame' and 'searing regret' cleanse and prepare the soul for Heaven, then the entrance of the Son of God into history was futile and vain. One may seriously question the wisdom and goodness of God in sending forth His Son to be born of a virgin and to die on Calvary's cross, if all that God needed to see in the soul of man was remorse and contrition. We must silence the prophetic voice of Isaiah who claimed that the Servant was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. We must hush John the Baptist's declaration, 'Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.' We must still the message of Peter that 'We are redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot.'

"Part of the attempt to abolish the biblical eternal Hell comes from a desire to vindicate the love of God. The assertion has been made that if love is love and God is God, Heaven can't be Heaven until Hell is empty. God, according to this view, is made to be something of a Moloch who demands His creatures to pass through fires of purgatory before reaching the golden shore. But those who reduce the being of God to love and ignore His justice are still on the sharp horns of a dilemma even with the invention of a temporary purgatory. If God's justice does not demand full satisfaction for sin, what particular attribute of His demands remorse and contrition, activated by purging fires?

"... The important question is whether purgatorial fires would really actuate godly sorrow. Penitence merely to avoid the consequence of sin would not be considered genuine sorrow. Dives (Luke 16:19-31) is pointed out by some writers as an example of the redemptive quality of Hell. In Hell, they assert, he developed great concern for his five brothers

cation by works and re-established the doctrine of Christ's infinitely meritorious work on Calvary's cross. He vanquished the argument for purgatory with all its attending evils by nailing his 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on that notable day, October 31, 1517. Now, 440 years later, children of the Reformation would establish a 'Protestant' purgatory wherein redemption might again be wrought out through works of penitence! What can be the purpose, the value, in their refusing to proclaim the teachings of the Reformers, especially the truths that have come forth from the Word of God?"

Another great contemporary preacher thunders: "I believe in eternal retribution! That those who continue impenitent to the end of their earthly lives will be banished from the presence of God forever is a truth as clearly taught in the Scriptures as the fall of man or the resurrection of the dead.

"The Bible is an organic unity, one with itself throughout, and must be received completely or completely rejected. I dare not select the parts I want to believe and exclude what disturbs or offends me. That would be to set up my fallible reason as a criterion against which to judge infallible revelation.

"... The doctrine of eternal retribution has been held and taught by an overwhelming majority of Christians since the days of the apostles. Almost all the church fathers, the great doctors and saints down the centuries, believed that the Bible teaches that the finally impenitent will be cast into a hell from which there is no escape and with no further opportunity to repent and avail themselves of the mercy of God and the benefits of Christ's atonement. They believed, as the vast majority of Bible-loving Christians today believe, that the personality of the impenitent man is perpetuated beyond the moment of physical death, and that the man must face a strict accounting of deeds done on earth and hear the sentence of doom pronounced against him.

"I've read the arguments put forth against this belief and acknowledged no hope, however faint, that might yet remain for the lost. The Scriptures are too plain to allow that hope to exist."

Frederic W. Farrar, the dean of Canterbury, pleaded with great moral earnestness and overpowering eloquence for what he called 'eternal hope' for all men; and like a defense attorney managed to find among the works of the Latin fathers quotations to support that hope. But the weight of evidence

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